

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING OF BIO TECHNOLOGY TO SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research had decided to train its young scientists in `frontier areas` of Bio-Technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The training is envisaged for young and middle level scientists primarily from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs). ICAR institutes/SAUs have been identified for their training needs. Priority areas in biotechnology in crops, horticulture, fishery and animal sciences have been identified. The identified areas comprise development of transgenics, molecular breeding, genomics, bio-informatics, edible vaccines, molecular diagnostics, disease diagnostics, gene isolation and related aspects.